

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, myelin oligodendrocyte glycoprotein antibody-associated disease (MOGAD) is a rare and relatively unknown autoimmune disease which currently has no cure; and

WHEREAS, MOGAD attacks the central nervous system and can cause lifetime disability, including blindness and/or paralysis; and

WHEREAS, the cause of MOGAD is still a mystery, and there are currently no FDA-approved treatments for patients with MOGAD; and

WHEREAS, when mistaken for other diseases, treatments can exacerbate MOGAD symptoms; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness about MOGAD has caused diagnoses to rise, as doctors have become more likely to recognize the varying manifestations of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the MOGAD community is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding of this disease in order to promote research, improve patient care and outcomes, and ultimately find a cure.

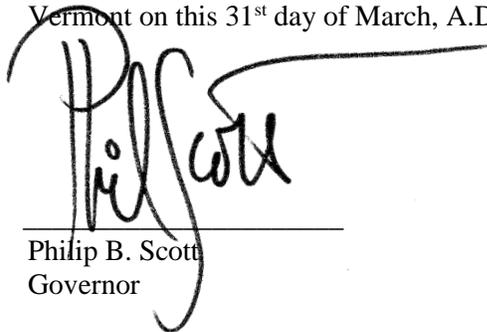
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 2023 as

**MYELIN OLIGODENDROCYTE GLYCOPROTEIN
ANTIBODY-ASSOCIATED DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

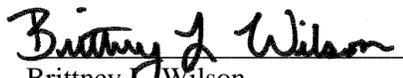
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 31st day of March, A.D. 2023.



Philip B. Scott
Governor



Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs